

# LEMON GROVE DOWNTOWN VILLAGE SPECIFIC PLAN UPDATE CITY COUNCIL PRESENTATION



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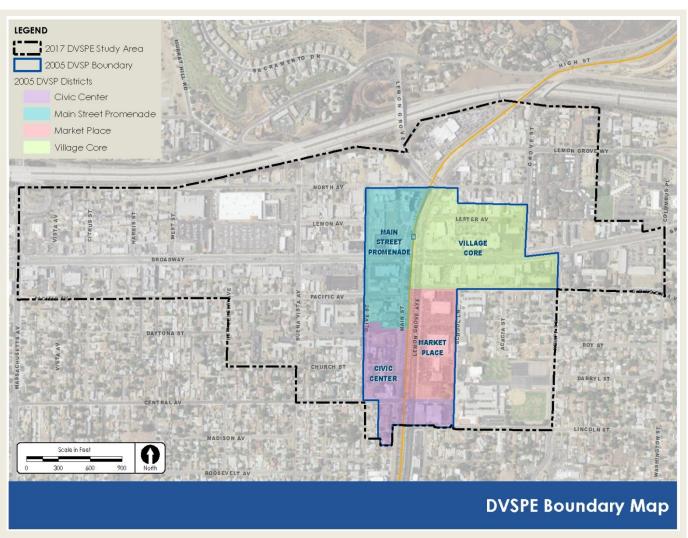






# DOWNTOWN VILLAGE SPECIFIC PLAN EXPANSION (DVSPE)

- 2005 Downtown Village Specific Plan (DVSP)
- SANDAG Grant & Expanded Study Area
- RICK CommunityPlanning Strategy
  - Baseline Report
  - Public Outreach Program



2005 Village Districts with DVSPE Boundary

# **VISION AND GOALS**

# **EXISTING VISION**

"Create a vibrant and sustainable downtown. A mix of land uses ensuring a variety of residential options, shopping in a village atmosphere, and employment opportunities are planned. The emphasis for downtown is to provide inviting public places, transit-oriented development, and build on the unique character and community of the City of Lemon Grove."



Downtown San Diego, CA

# **EXISTING GOALS**

- 1. Vibrant Downtown
- 2. Pedestrian-Friendly
- 3. Transit-Oriented Development
- 4. Balanced Parking Supply
- 5. Supportive Business Climate
- 6. Multi-Modal Circulation
- 7. Sustainable Development



# PUBLIC OUTREACH FEEDBACK

- Village (Small Town) Feel
- Pedestrian Focus
- Create Safe Walking & Biking Connections
- Art/Architecture Emphasis
- Family-Oriented
- Restaurants & Entertainment
- Pleasant Park & Open Space Areas
- Public Safety & Cleanliness
- Support for Improving & Maintaining Downtown





# BASELINE REPORT FEEDBACK

- What is a Baseline Report?
- Key Findings:
  - Create Regional Destination
  - Create Balanced Land Use Mix
  - Encourage Economic Generators
  - Create a StrongCommunity Identity



# DRAFT VISION

"Imagine Downtown Lemon Grove as a vibrant community center that serves both the residents and the region. A series of neighborhoods have developed to provide a balanced mix of housing options, shopping choices, and employment opportunities. New development, which integrates art and history, creates an inviting atmosphere for pedestrians to stroll through Downtown's attractive streets. Downtown provides inviting public places that build on the unique character of the City of Lemon Grove. This is the vision that the **Downtown** Village Specific Plan Expansion (DVSPE) sets the framework to achieve."



Santa Barbara, CA

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- 8. Safe Community Atmosphere



Solvang, CA

# CITY COUNCIL FEEDBACK

# LAND USE

# PUBLIC OUTREACH FEEDBACK

- General Consensus Of High Density (3-5 stories)
- Create Broadway Mixed-Use Corridor
- Create an Art District
  - Keep Art District along Broadway
- Create an Employment District
- Create a Regional Destination
- Create a Business Improvement District
- Indoor/Outdoor Music & Performance Venues
- Parkette Requirement



Workshop #1

# BASELINE REPORT FEEDBACK

- Underutilized/Vacant Parcels
- Redevelopment Occurs With Higher Density
- Identify Employment Opportunities
- Increase Market-rate Housing Options
- Improve & Maintain Private Properties, Infrastructure & Amenities
- Improve Parks & Street Amenities
- Reduce Development Costs with Ministerial Reviews
- Create Regional Destination



Solana Beach, CA



**Little Italy Concept** 

# BASELINE REPORT FEEDBACK

# Funding

- Revenue Bonds
- Impact Fees
- BIDs & Associations
- TIF
  - EIFD
  - CRIA
- New Markets Tax Credit Program
- Grants



Solana Beach, CA



**Little Italy Concept** 

# **BIG IDEA: VILLAGE GREEN**

- Develop Linear Park between Lemon Grove Avenue & Grove Street
- Limit East/WestTravel Lanes to SingleLanes









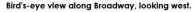
Bird's-eye view along Broadway, looking west (close

# BIG IDEA: BOARDWALK PLAZA

- Expand Sidewalk to Create Plaza on North Side of Broadway Between Lemon Grove & Grove Street
- Limit Broadway to2 Lanes
- Expand Outdoor Dining









Street-level view of proposed concept.



Bird's-eye view along Broadway, looking west (close-up)

# HISTORIC DISTRICT EXHIBIT

### HISTORIC DISTRICT EXAMPLES

### **Purpose**

Preserve the City's History

### **TOP 3 Choices:**

- Spanish Colonial/Mission Revival
- American Mercantile
- Craftsman/Fede ration



Gaslamp Quarter, San Diego



Heritage Park, San Diego



Charleston, South Carolina



Historic Downtown Winters, CA



Historic District, Los Angeles



Old Poway Park

### **ARCHITECTURAL STYLES**



AMERICAN MERCANTILE
Lafavette, CA



VICTORIAN/QUEEN ANNE



CRAFTSMAN/FEDERATION St. Petersburg, FL



SPANISH COLONIAL/MISSION REVIVAL Santa Barbara. CA

# **ART DISTRICT EXHIBIT**

### **Purpose:**

Allow, Encourage & Require Art

### **Top 3 Choices:**

- Historic Modern
- Contemporary
- Art Deco

### **Preferred Features:**

- **Street Furniture**
- Murals & Wall Art
- Façade & Storefront **Improvements**
- Gateways & **Wayfinding Signs**

### ART DISTRICT EXAMPLES









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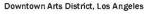


Santa Ana, California



North Hollywood (NOHO), Los Angeles







Quartyard, San Diego



Arts District, Baltimore

### ARCHITECTURAL STYLES



CONTEMPORARY Barrio Logan, San Diego





ART DECO

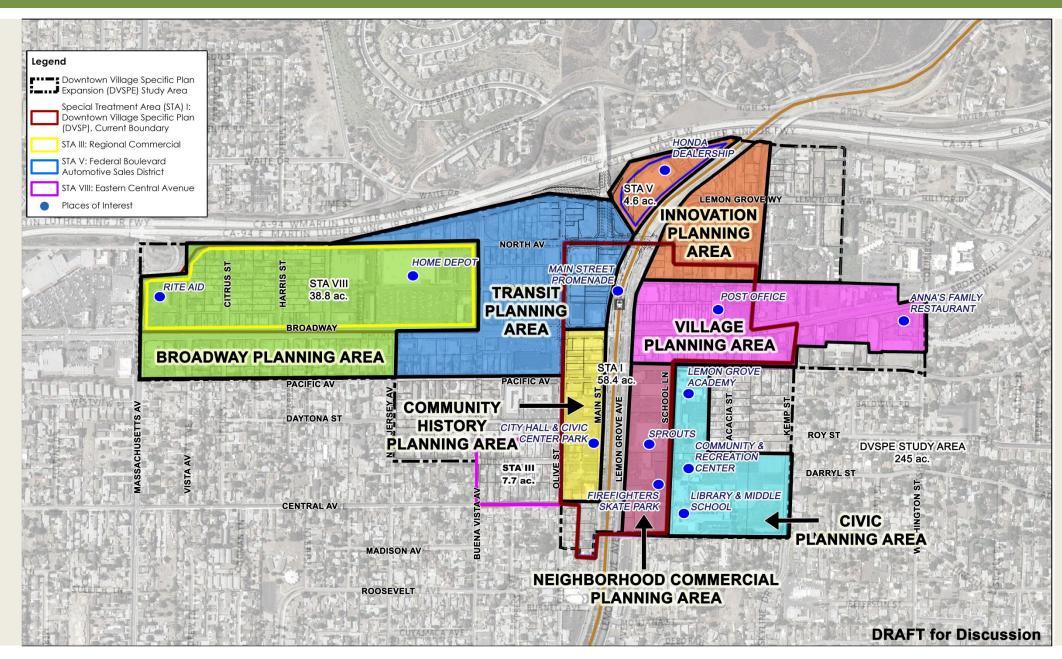




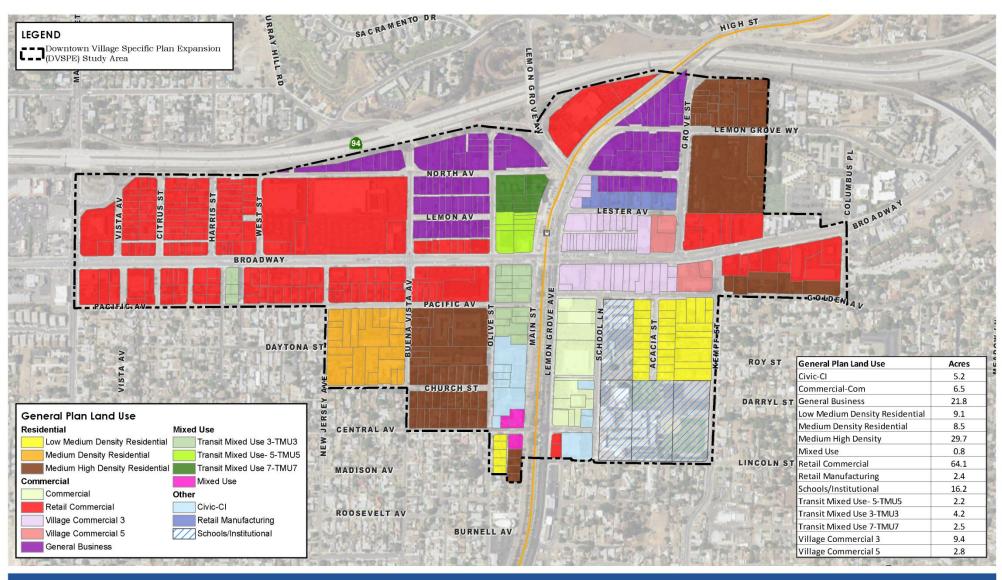
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# DRAFT PLANNING AREAS



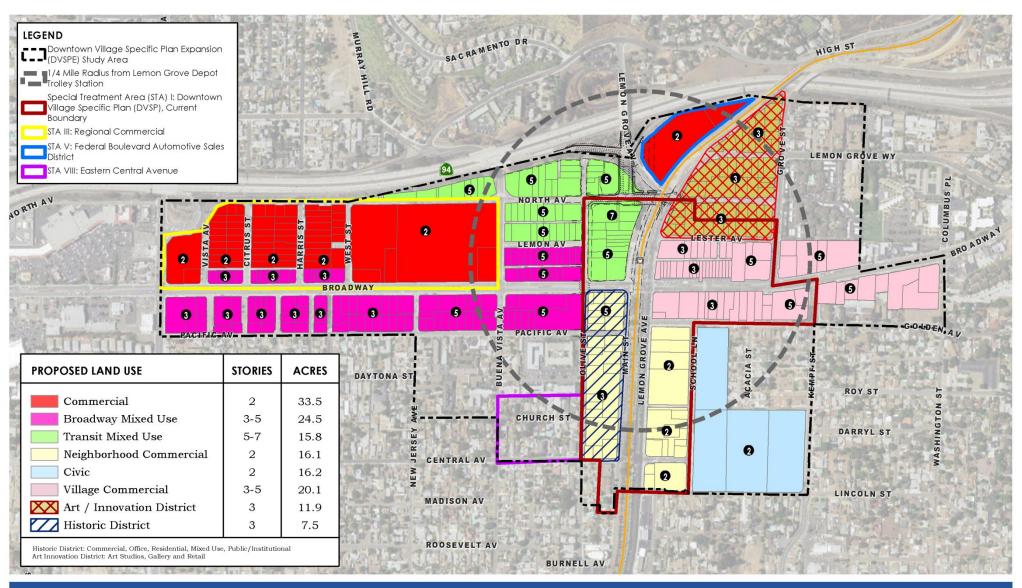
# **EXISTING LAND USE**



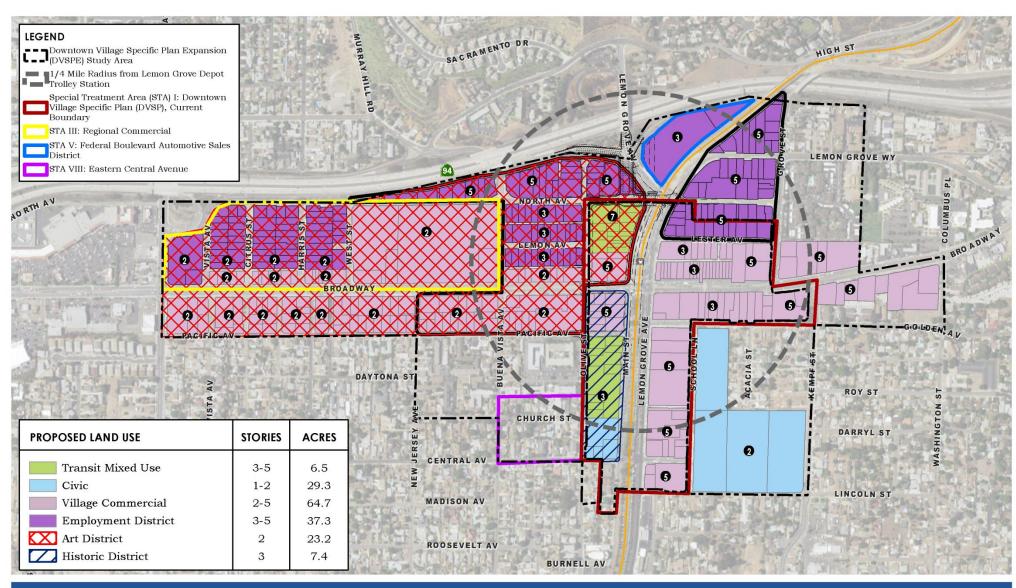
General Plan Land Use

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# LAND USE ALTERNATIVE 1



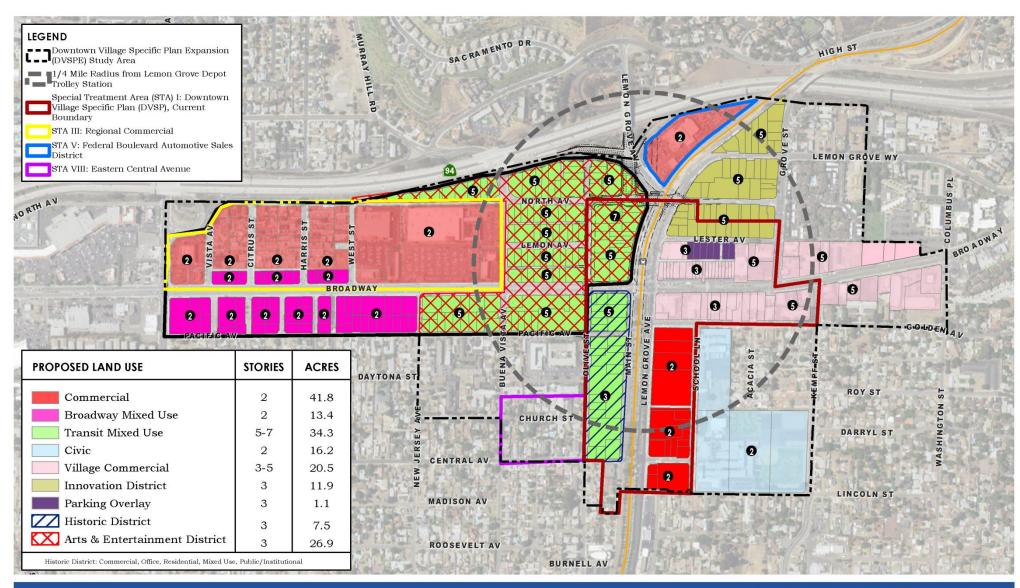
# LAND USE ALTERNATIVE 2



LAND USE MAP Alternative 2

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# LAND USE ALTERNATIVE 3 (NEW)



# CITY COUNCIL FEEDBACK

# **MOBILITY AND PARKING**

# PUBLIC OUTREACH FEEDBACK

- Ranked Streetscape Preferences (Ranked 1 through 7)
  - 1. Pedestrian Paths
  - 2. Trees & Landscape
  - 3. Lighting
  - 4. Bicycle Paths
  - 5. Parkettes
  - 6. Vehicle Speed of Travel
  - 7. Other
- Prefer Roundabouts
- Support Pedestrian CorridorsEven if Eliminates Parking
- Support Bicycle Corridors Even if Eliminates Parking
- Unsupportive Shared Bike Lanes



Parkette in East Village, San Diego, CA

# BASELINE REPORT FEEDBACK

- Predominantly Bike Lanes & Signed Routes in Study Area
  - Low Utilization
- Inconsistent Sidewalk Network in Study Area
- West Side of the Tracks on Broadway Operates at a Lower LOS Than East Side
- Utilizing Streets like North Avenue & Citrus Street for Vehicles Will Assist in Alleviating Traffic



Silicon Valley, CA

# TROLLEY CROSSING TREATMENTS

- Current Issues
- Advantages & Disadvantages of Underpasses
- Advantages &Disadvantages ofOverpasses



### **Underpass Example**

**Encinitas, CA** 

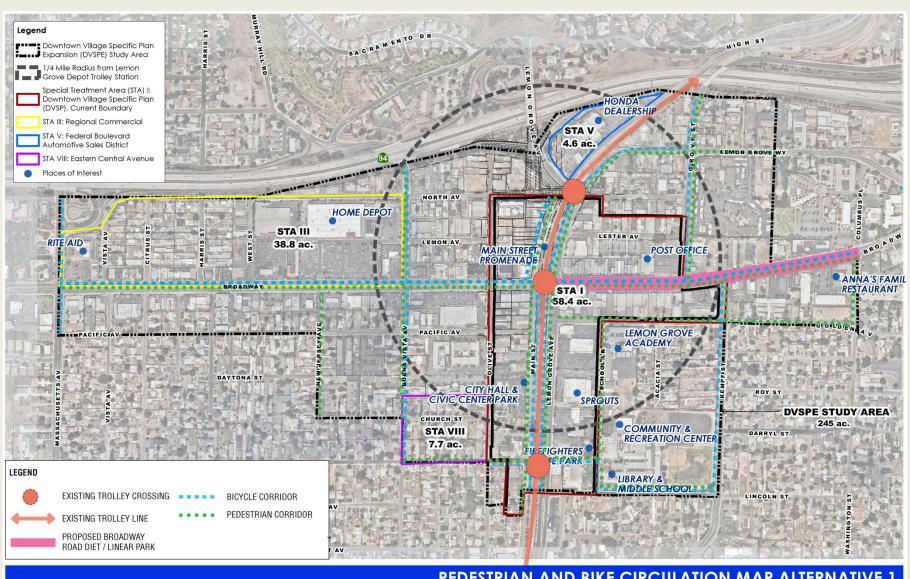


### **Overpass Example**

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# PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE CIRCULATION MAP ALTERNATIVE 1

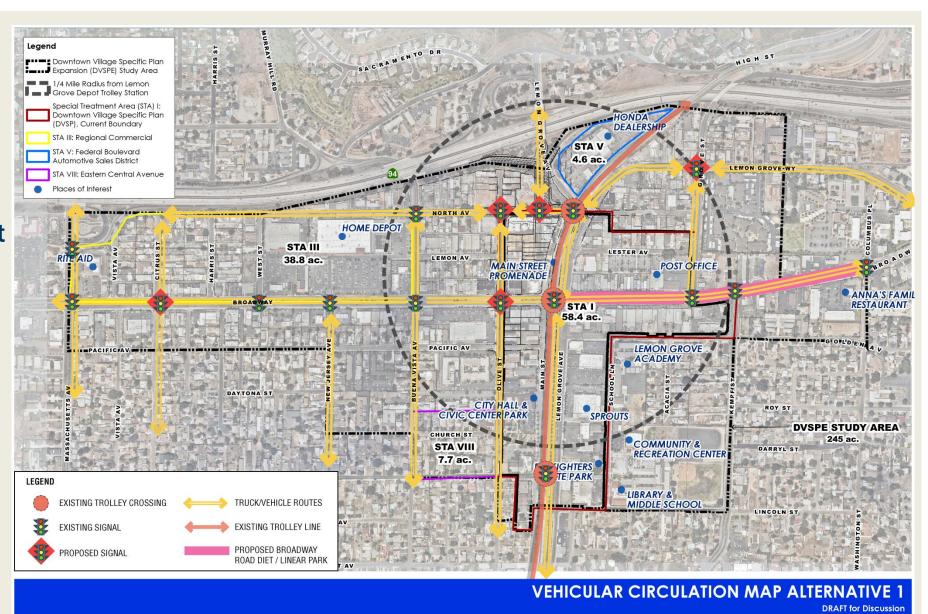
- Majority support for proposed Bicycle **Corridors**
- Majority disapproved of shared bicycle/travel lanes
- Majority support for proposed Pedestrian **Corridors**



PEDESTRIAN AND BIKE CIRCULATION MAP ALTERNATIVE

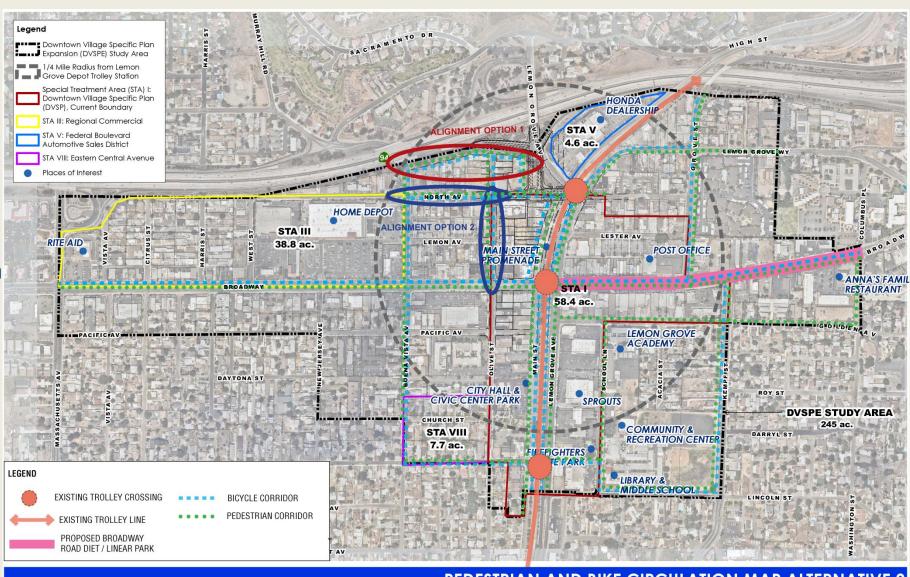
# **VEHICULAR CIRCULATION MAP ALTERNATIVE 1**

- Truck/Vehicle Routes
- Proposed Signalized Intersections To Accommodate The New Lemon Grove Avenue Realignment
- Parking Not
   Addressed Because
   There Was No
   Preferred Land Use
   Alternative



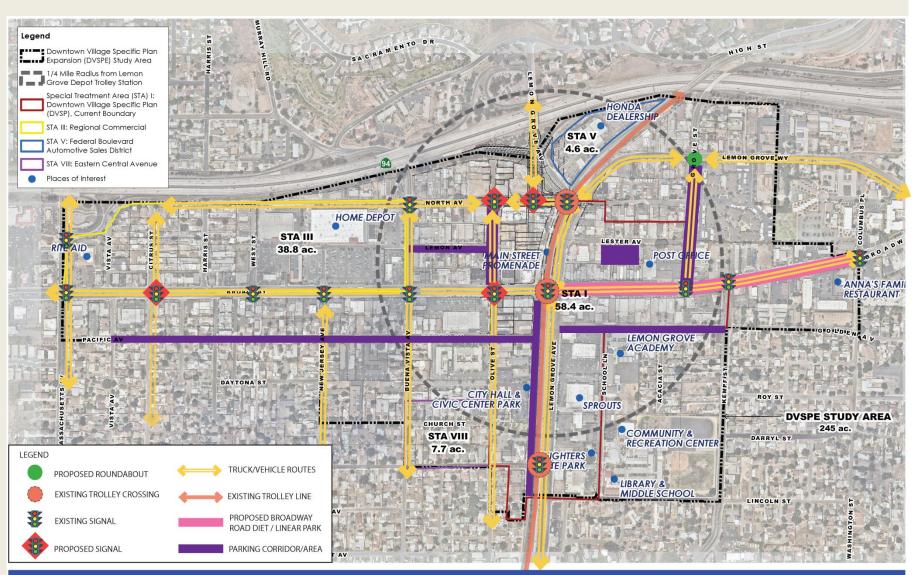
# PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE CIRCULATION MAP ALTERNATIVE 2 (NEW)

- New Pedestrian/Bicycle Corridors
  - Along South Side of I-94 (Buena Vista Avenue to Realigned Lemon Grove Avenue)
  - Along Olive Street (Broadway to Northern Terminus)
  - Along North Avenue (Buena Vista Avenue to Trolley Line)



# **VEHICULAR CIRCULATION MAP ALTERNATIVE 2 (NEW)**

- New Roundabout at Lemon Grove Way and Grove Street
- New Parking Corridors with Diagonal or Perpendicular Parking on One or Both Sides
  - Pacific Avenue
  - Olive Street
  - Lemon Avenue
  - Lester Avenue
  - Golden Avenue
  - Grove Street



# CITY COUNCIL FEEDBACK

# GENERAL COUNCILMEMBER FEEDBACK

# **NEXT STEPS**

- 1. Develop Preferred Scenario
- 2. Tribal Consultation
- 3. Prepare Specific Plan
- 4. City Council Draft DVSPE Review
- 5. Draft Environmental Document
- 6. Public Noticing
- 7. City Council Adopt DVSPE & Certify Environmental Document

